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1. [redacted] advised that a call was received from Mike Rives, of State Department, indicating that Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) has made inquiries about the [redacted] office will advise Rives to avoid responding and to tell Harrington that questions relating to the Central Intelligence Agency should be raised directly with that Agency.

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2. [redacted] Accompanied the Director to a meeting with Chairman Thomas Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, to discuss with him the best way of keeping the Committee briefed on world developments. The Chairman said it was his intention to have the Director provide intelligence briefings only to the full Committee, but he suggested in view of the intense interest in the situation in Chile, the Director make an exception in this instance and provide Representative Dante Fascell's Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs with an intelligence briefing on that country.) With respect to a request from Representative Clement Zablocki for a briefing on the Sino/Soviet situation, the Chairman said he would talk to Zablocki to see if this one couldn't be held off until a briefing of the full Committee can be scheduled.

A quorum call interrupted the meeting but the Chairman did say that he would "take care of us" regarding the amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act restricting assistance to foreign police organizations. We will follow up on all these items with the Committee staff.

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Points for Coverage in Meeting with
Chairman Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee

1. Prior Briefings and Procedures

a. The last briefing of the full Foreign Affairs Committee by the Director was on SALT verification on 27 July 1972. Prior to that, the last briefing was on 24 March 1970 on the world situation. Chairman Morgan has limited his requests for briefings in recent years because of Committee leaks. By mutual agreement with Chairman Morgan, it was decided that formal briefings would be given only by the Director and only when the Chairman thought such briefings were essential. In the interim, with the Chairman's acquiescence, the various subcommittees have been briefed on a more or less informal basis by Carl Duckett, by OCI, and by operating division representatives on topics relating to the subcommittees' responsibilities. The Subcommittee on Near East and South Asia, chaired by Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.); the Subcommittee on Europe, presently chaired by Benjamin Rosenthal (D., N. Y.); and the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, chaired by Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) have each received fairly regular briefings.

2. Current Briefing Requests

a. Representative Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, has requested a briefing later this week or next week on Sino/Soviet relations.

b. Chairman Fascell and Representative Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.), together with the Inter-American Affairs Staff Assistant, Mike Finley, were given an informal current intelligence briefing on Chile by [redacted], OCI, on 18 September 1973. Fascell apparently learned that the Agency might appear before Senator McGee's Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee and requested a briefing of his Subcommittee on Agency operations in Chile. When we indicated that this would create some problems,

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Chairman Morgan made the request for an intelligence briefing on Chile by you through Marian Czarnecki, Committee Chief of Staff.

c. Pursuant to Jack Maury's discussion with you, we have told Chairman Morgan, through Czarnecki, that you would be willing to brief the full Committee on the current intelligence situation as well as background leading to it and some thoughts for the future and that you would respond to a question concerning Agency involvement in the coup. He has also been told the matter of your briefing a Subcommittee has not been determined.

3. Items to be Covered

a. Desire to assist the Chairman and Committee and to be as forthcoming as possible in providing intelligence information.

b. Non-involvement in the Chilean coup other than reporting of information as it was received.

c. Problems which would be created by detailing Agency in-country operations in Committee briefings.

d. Possible outline of 40 Committee procedures. (Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, Jack B. Kubisch, gave some detail of 40 Committee procedures and his own ability for input or comment on Agency proposals in a briefing of the Fascell Subcommittee on 25 September 1973. [] WH Division, has discussed these points with Mr. Kubisch.)

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NOTE: Chairman Morgan deserves high marks for his past assistance to us and for his personal interest in protecting intelligence information.

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